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Dear Jack, please excuse this very old typewriter that, like me, has suddenly begun going at an accelerated pace but, unlike me, now sticks at "es" and "cs" only. And just a coincidence that, after all this time, you write just when for several days, I have been thinking of you and several others for a very special reason, past offers of help. I am tired, more so at this particular moment because I've been digging us out of a record snowfall, with bur-sitis and a bad back, and because of one of the endless frustrations of poverty, to which I'll return.

The book is a thoughtful gesture. I've read the foreword (I think one of the other 7 may have been a cousin of mine named Cantor) and will read the poetry when I'm in an appropriate mood. My wife, who has a fondness for poetry I lost several decades ago, will particularly appreciate it.

To bring you up to date; the part of COUP dealing with the King/Ray case is due to be published this coming year, by a small, new publisher. It is large and will be expensive. I think it is good. I am continuing my work, with time-consuming diversification (in court) and with success (I've got the most significant data yet). Some of the withheld material has been declassified, I suspect much because of pressures like mine, the threat of court action, and perhaps some naturally. How many pages there are I do not know and will not until I can take an inventory, which I plan at the earliest possible moment, beginning next week. I know there are more than a thousand, each costing 10¢, and I do not have the money. Which is what made me think of you and other who, in the past, have offered help (I'm well aware that time and a sick economy can alter situations). My experience is that hasty reading of skilled semantics often fails to disclose what the words are so cleverly selected to hide. And I also know that in the past, when I've located significant things, they have been removed during the xeroxing. So, I think I should get all of the now-available pages for these reasons and another, the belief that there had to have been some reason in somebody's mind for them to have been suppressed to begin with. If you can help, I'd appreciate it. And if you can add anything on the Odio bit, the potential value of which I believe is undiminished, I'd sure like it. --g in, thanks, and I do hope you (and all of us) have a good year.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg